

## CHAPTER 7 PROCEDURES WHEN SUSPECT CHEMICAL WARFARE MATERIEL IS ENCOUNTERED

### 7-1. Introduction.

a. This chapter discusses UXO support procedures to be followed when suspect chemical warfare materiel (CWM) is encountered on a project site. Contact the OE MCX for detailed procedures for planning and executing CWM response actions.

b. An item configured as a munition containing a chemical substance that is intended to kill, seriously injure, or incapacitate a person through its physiological effects is considered CWM. CWM also includes V- and G- series nerve agent, H- series blister agent, and lewisite in other-than-munition configurations. Due to their hazards, prevalence, and military-unique application, chemical agent identification sets (CAIS) are also considered CWM. CWM does not include riot control agents, chemical herbicides, smoke and flame producing items, or soil, water, debris or other media contaminated with chemical agent.

c. Soil, water, debris, and other media contaminated with chemical agent is not considered CWM. The procedures described in ER 1110-1-8153 will be followed.

### 7-2. Response Procedures.

a. Any time suspect CWM is encountered, all work will immediately cease. Project personnel will withdraw along cleared paths upwind from the discovery. A team consisting of a minimum of two personnel will secure the area to prevent unauthorized access. Personnel should position themselves as far upwind as possible while still maintaining security of the area.

#### b. Notification.

(1) On FUDS project sites, the UXO team will notify the local POC designated in the Work Plan. The local POC will facilitate EOD response and two personnel will secure the site until EOD's arrival. If the local POC designated in the Work Plan is not the local law enforcement agency, the local POC will inform the local law enforcement agency of the discovery. The EOD unit will notify the Technical Escort Unit (TEU) and secure the area until TEU's arrival. After notifying the local law enforcement agencies, the local POC will notify the USAESCH Safety Office to inform them of the actions taken.

(2) On active installations, the UXO team will normally notify the Range Control Officer, Facility Engineer, Post Headquarters or POC designated in the Work Plan.

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c. Reporting. Incident reports will be prepared and forwarded in accordance with USACE Supplement to AR 385-40. A POC will be identified in the SSHP to prepare and forward the report.

(1) At FUDS, support for others (SFO), or other support provided for non-DA agencies or internal to USACE, the incident report will be prepared and forwarded by the district. Incident reports will be numbered USACE-UUU-YY-X where “UUU” is the district three letter identifier, “YY” is the last two digits of the fiscal year, and “XX” is the sequence number of the incident.

(2) At BRAC sites, Installation Restoration Program (IRP) sites, SFO, or other project support for DA agencies (outside USACE), the incident report will be prepared and forwarded by the agency supported.